

COMMITMENT TO FORMALISE AND SUBMIT A RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

The National Trust is an independent not-for-profit organisation, supported by its members and the wider community. Since 1956, the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) has been actively working towards conserving and protecting our heritage for future generations to enjoy.

The National Trust is committed to respecting the culture and heritage of the first Australians. The National Trust confirms this respect by committing to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). We aim to launch our RAP by December 2011.

In developing our RAP the National Trust will:

- Establish an Aboriginal Advisory Committee to advise the Trust on the RAP's development and how Aboriginal people, heritage and culture can be incorporated into the Trust's key programmes, places and projects
- Develop meaningful relationships with Aboriginal people
- Explore joint opportunities to incorporate Aboriginal stories into interpretations of National Trust places, programs and projects
- Encourage opportunities for Aboriginal involvement with the National Trust at all levels of the organisation, including employment
- Establish a policy that recognises the traditional owners of National Trust properties

Our RAP will focus on community engagement and partnership with Aboriginal traditional owners. Through this, the Trust embraces the reconciliation process to express its appreciation of, and respect for, Aboriginal cultural heritage values and relationship to country.



Our commitment to the process of reconciliation is an essential pathway to realising the Trust's vision:

For the Australian community to understand, value, and enjoy the natural and cultural heritage that creates our national identity

And its mission:

To inspire the community to appreciate, conserve and celebrate its natural and cultural heritage



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